

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, public health programs and services are essential to a strong, successful health care system that benefits all of our residents regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic strata; and

WHEREAS, public health programs and services throughout South Carolina protect and promote personal, community and environmental health, encourage healthy behaviors and assure safety and violence prevention at work, at home and at play; and

WHEREAS, scientific advances have transformed the notion of injuries as accidental, unavoidable occurrences to events that are preventable and predictable; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, approximately 3,250 South Carolinians died from sustained injuries with unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes, poisonings and falls, accounting for 70 percent of all causes, while those living with injuries often suffer from lifelong complications; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Safety Is No Accident: Live Injury-Free!" the 2011 observance of Public Health Month helps raise awareness of the importance of injury and violence prevention to healthier and safer lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take simple steps to protect themselves, their families and their communities because small precautions can make a big difference.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA